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Despite years of trying to educate your reporters, particularly your health reporters, as to the adverse effects of Citizen reporting on the subject of environmental sensitivities, Sharon Kirkey and the Citizen have done it again (Food Addicts - 31 January 1992). An outline of the arguments relating to how reporters like Kirkey hurt people is presented in two articles in the most recent issue of "Content Magazine", one by Richard Starr, former producer of CBC's Media file, the other by myself.

It is extremely difficult to comprehend the extreme determination with which Kirkey maintains her bigoted attitudes towards persons with environmental sensitivities, including food sensitivities.

In the past few years, Ms Kirkey has written very hurtful articles and spurned repeated efforts to bring her to an understanding of what food sensitivities are, how they affect people, and how doctors are treating people affected, here in Canada and around the world.

The arrogance with which she has turned away any suggestion that she does not understand the subject, and that as a consequence her reporting seriously hurts people by spawning confusion in the community, is decidedly less than professional.

If she wasn't so resistant to learning about this problem, she might have found out, during the course of writing the article, that methods and facilities exist here in Ottawa for dealing with food addiction. She would have known of approved methods for dealing with these problems if she had read materials provided to her published by Health and Welfare over the past several years.

Sincerely,

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